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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF PEACH BOTTOM NUCLEAR PLANTS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final environmental impact statement on the proposed renewal of the operating license of the Peach Bottom nuclear power plants. In the report, the NRC staff found there are no environmental impacts that would preclude license renewal for an additional 20 years of operation.

The Peach Bottom nuclear facility is located 18 miles south of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in York County. The operating licenses for Units 2 and 3 expire on August 8, 2013, and July 2, 2014, respectively.

Exelon Corporation, the operator of the plants, submitted an application for the renewal of the licenses on July 2, 2001.

As part of its environmental review of the application, the NRC held public meetings near the plant concerning the scope of the review and a draft version of the environmental impact statement for the plant. Comments were received from members of the public, local officials and representatives of other agencies.

The report is available electronically on the NRC web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The report's ADAMS accession number is ML030150366. Help in using ADAMS is available by contacting the NRC Public Document Room staff at 301/415-4737 or 1/800/397-4209, or by sending a message to pdf/@nrc.gov. The report also is available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

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